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DELIVERED IN BRUNSWICK, JUNE 26, 1839,

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THIRTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

The Maine Missionary Society held its Thirty-Second Annual Meeting, in the Congregational Meeting House in Brunswick, on Wednesday, June 26, 1839—Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, in the absence of the President and Vice President, was chosen President *pro tem*. The meeting was opened with prayer, by Rev. Dr. COGSWELL, of Boston.

The Treasurer, WOODBURY STORER, Esq. presented his Report, certified by WILLIAM SWAN, and WILLIAM C. MITCHELL, Esqs., Auditors, which was accepted.

The Annual Report, which had been prepared by Rev. ELIPHALET GILLET, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, was, at his request, read by Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, D. D.

On motion of Rev. JOSEPH R. MUNSELL, of East Brewer, seconded by Rev. WILLIAM L. MATHER, of Wiscasset :

Resolved, That the Report of the Trustees be accepted and published, under the direction of the Trustees.

On motion of Rev. PROFESSOR POND, of Bangor, seconded by Rev. CHARLES WALKER, of Brattleboro', Vt. :

Resolved, That, during the current year, the Maine Missionary Society ought to be able to afford efficient help to all those feeble churches within the State, which, in the judgment of the Trustees, are proper objects of its beneficence.

On motion of Rev. JOEL PARKER, of New York, delegate from the American Home Missionary Society, seconded by Rev. ROBERT BAIRD, lately from Paris, in France :

Whereas the A. H. M. S., encourages the permanent settlement of ministers of the Gospel as pastors ; and whereas it furnishes employment of the most extensive, safe, and efficient character for the activity of the church, at the present day ; therefore,

Resolved, That this society, as a branch of that institution, is entitled to the warm encouragement and support of this whole community.

The Annual Sermon before the Society was preached by the Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, of Portland. Prayer before sermon was offered by Rev. JOTHAM SEWALL, Senior.

Voted, That Rev. JONATHAN B. CONDIT be a Committee, to present the thanks of this Society to the Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, for his sermon before them this day, and to request a copy for publication.

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The next meeting of the Society is to be holden at Hallowell, on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1840. Rev. Elijah Jones, first preacher; Rev. George E. Adams, his substitute.

SERMON.

I. TIMOTHY, 3: 15.

—“THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH.”

Adopting the views of those commentators, who, in their construction of the passage, would unite, instead of dissociating, these two sentences, I would remark, that to the phrase which forms the first sentence—“the Church of the living God”—we are evidently to attach no other signification than that of the Church universal, or the whole body of true believers. Words as comprehensive and emphatic as these, restricted in their import by no local nor other subordinate application, are never used in the New Testament except as a description of the universal body of real disciples, of *the* Church, in the broadest and noblest meaning of the term. It is not then of the local church at Ephesus, the economy of whose concerns had been temporarily entrusted to Timothy, that the apostle here speaks; nor of the church of Rome, whose impudent pretensions were not advanced until many centuries after the date of this epistle; nor of any modern church which is politically allied to the state, a portion of whose ministers are lords temporal as well as spiritual; nor of any other ecclesiastical body, which, while disclaiming all political power, asserts its organization to be truly primitive and apostolical. It is regenerated and sanctified men universally, considered as forming a collective mass, who are here styled “the Church of the living God.” Or if we are to admit of any other interpretation than this, it is the whole body of visible, professing believers, who may

claim this lofty and hallowed title ; and this claim is to be allowed solely on the ground, that within their pale are embraced almost all true believers.

What import then are we to attach to the leading phrase in the second sentence, "the truth?" Plainly it is not truth in the abstract which Paul intends, whether physical or metaphysical, mathematical or moral, for in this sense truth rests not on the Church as its pillar and ground ; but it is truth as divinely revealed to mankind and embodied in the gospel, it is the system of true religion which is there announced to us for the regulation of our faith and practice. This is truth the purest, most authoritative and exalted, with it the Church as a divine institution is indissolubly connected, it is throughout the New Testament uniformly asserted to be essential truth in contradistinction to all other religious systems ; we cannot doubt accordingly that it is in this passage termed, "the truth." It needs only be added that when the apostle thus describes it, he intends it as exhibited in the precise form in which it was revealed, and which it bore at the moment when this epistle was written : it is the truth, as diffused throughout the whole gospel, and not as professedly concentrated in creeds, or confessions of faith, or any human abstracts whatever.

Of the truth the Church is, "the pillar and ground." By this repetition of the idea it is evidently intended that the Church is the firm basis, the sure support, of the truth ; and as the assertion is made without any qualification, that such will constantly and perpetually be the fact. During the continuance of the Christian dispensation and until the close of time the truth, or, as a substantially convertible term, the gospel, is to be sustained among men and ultimately diffused throughout the world by the Church of God.

In accordance with this exposition of the passage I shall now proceed to consider, as the subject of the ensuing discourse, some of the particulars in which the Church may be

regarded as the pillar and ground of the truth. And the Church may claim this title:

I. *As the perpetual Depositary of the truth.*

By this is meant that God has entrusted the truth to the custody of the Church, that He has committed to her His gospel from time to time as a sacred, inestimable deposit which she was perpetually to retain. This bequest has been in every age so precious in His own view, that He has never been willing to dispose of it in any other manner.

For it is not one of the ordinary bounties of His providence which has been thus consigned. The air, the light, water and heat, though essential to our comfort and existence on earth, minister solely to our corporeal wants, to the nature which we possess in alliance with the animal, and these gifts were accordingly too common, too subordinate, to merit this peculiar designation. Neither was it a monument of mere human wisdom, which the researches of philosophers or the sagacity of statesmen has erected, that was to be disposed of. Codes of laws, schemes of civil polity, systems of morals, poetical and barbarous mythologies, have been devised without number during the first four thousand years of our race; but they have been all accounted, as to their bearing on man's eternal interests, but foolishness with God, and accordingly, while here and there a scattered record has floated down the stream of time, He has suffered the mighty mass to sink irretrievably into the gulf of oblivion. Neither was it a body of sacred traditions however authentic and accurate, of which we speak, which one race of ancient patriarchs and saints may have transmitted to another during many successive centuries. Such a collection, if it in fact ever existed, was doubtless valuable to its possessors, but it was to be superseded by fuller, clearer revelations, and it was therefore suffered finally to perish. Had the gift of God to man which we are contemplating been but such as these, it would have descended like air and light

upon the brutes, no less than upon our race, or some dubious fragment of the record, mutilated and corrupted, might have still survived, or after having accomplished its purpose it would long ages since have been forgotten forever; but the Church would never have been made its depositary.

But this gift was “the truth,” *the* truth; it was the system of true religion; it was the only scheme of faith and practice for man as a fallen, but an immortal being. It was to contain the whole account of God, of His character, government and will; it was to be the record and that infallible, of His immediate, personal communications to mankind. Such a gift is immeasurably precious, and it could be therefore entrusted to but one depositary—the Church.

A portion of the truth was thus entrusted in the earliest ages. The Church, as it existed in the antediluvian patriarchs, received, as there is reason to suppose, successive communications from God, which were subsequently transmitted through Noah and Shem to Abraham, and were at length under divine dictation incorporated in their present form by Moses. Thus the stupendous narrative of the creation with all its glories and of the apostasy with all its woes, the story of the deluge and of the re-peopling of the earth, the account of Abraham as the father of the faithful and the ancestor of the dimly announced Messiah, were imparted, not to Egyptian priests and magicians, not to the astronomers of Chaldea and the magi of Persia, not to the shepherds of Arabia and Palestine, but to the Church. Philosophy was to be suffered to speculate and invent its theories respecting these *primordia rerum* of man, science in its researches was to remove the rust of later centuries—only to encounter the entire corrosion of more ancient monuments, scepticism was to babble its conjectures and sport its contradictions; but the truth respecting them was to be entrusted solely to the Church, and to be received by the world from the Church alone.—As another portion of this sacred trust,

the Law was next communicated ; and we intend here, not merely the symbolical and shadowy ritual of the Jews, not simply the civil and political code of the nation—which has proved the storehouse for all enlightened legislation and rational liberty to modern times, but the great statutes of Jehovah's empire, the perfect standard of moral obligation to God, to our fellow men, and to ourselves. These, as announced with a divine precision in the two great Commandments, as constituting the first and second table of the Decalogue, or as expanded into the numberless precepts of the last four books of the Pentateuch, were committed to the same Depositary.—And then the Prophecies, either as interspersed throughout the history of this singular people, or as appended to that history and forming an independent revelation, were subsequently entrusted, as still another portion of the truth. The happy and holy destiny which yet awaits the Jews as a nation, and the ultimate spiritual triumphs of the Church over the pride and power, the philosophy and enmity, of the world were thus revealed ; and scattered through this vast compass of revelations, as sunbeams interlace a western cloud and impart to it all its glory, were constantly to be read the predictions respecting the incarnation, sufferings, atoning death and glorification of the Redeemer.—And then, when the fulness of time had come, another and the final portion of the truth was received. The gospel in its dawn, in its morning beams, and in its fast ascending splendors, was now succeeded by the gospel in its noon-day glory. The Redeemer became in fact incarnate, and brought in through the cross an everlasting righteousness ; and scarcely was this transcendant work achieved, before apostles and evangelists as the amanuenses of inspiration recorded the wondrous narrative of their Lord with His precepts and counsels, and then received those fresh communications from His Spirit in the Epistles, which render the sacred volume complete and perfect.

It was thus, that the truth in its successive portions was deposited with the Church ; not a chapter, nor paragraph, nor sentence, of the divine record was originally confided but to a member of the Church, who received it as her property, and to be surrendered to her custody. No ancient seer nor bard, no law-giver nor warrior over the wide earth, whose name was not enrolled in the Church, however towering his genius or radiant his fame, was entrusted with this deposit for a moment, was permitted to introduce a sentence or vary an idea.

The great design which has shaped this immense course of providence is every where apparent, that the truth should be sacredly preserved ; that one perpetually changing, yet perpetually subsisting, body should keep this inestimable deposit entire and uncorrupted amid the thousand systems of paganism and scepticism that were destined to overrun the world. Whatever calamities the Church in her individual members was to suffer, whatever mutations as to her forms or essential interests she was to undergo, and during all coming time, she was to be a faithful depositary, and thus the pathway of communication was to remain ever open between man and God.

And this momentous deposit, I would add, is still continued. From the apostolic age till the present hour the truth has been consigned, not to cardinals, nor statesmen, nor monarchs, but to the Church ; to her affection, her duty, her vigilance, and to none other. From the burden of this charge, even were she to desire it, she can never be exempted ; it rests upon her, and will ever rest, until the judgment morning.

In her relation then as a perpetual Depositary, the Church is the pillar and ground of the truth, God has ordained her to be in every age its firm support, it seeks not, it acknowledges not, any other. Had a different depositary been

selected or the Church proved faithless, where would have been the truth and its interests now ?

II. *As affording a constant practical illustration of the truth, in the lives of her members.*

God's great design in giving the gospel, so far as this world is concerned, must be, that its system of faith and duty should be exemplified among men, that its eternal rules of holiness should be actually obeyed. Every theory of mechanics or civil polity or morals which is not in its nature reducible to practice, is inherently worthless, it is a cloud-built castle and nothing more ; and if it is not actually reduced to practice, it is in fact worthless, whatever may be its nature. Nor is this less true of the whole system of the gospel. If the infinite Being whom it reveals sustains no actual relations to myself, if I owe no practical duties to Him, what interest ought I to feel, can I feel, in His character or government or will ; and if such were to be universally the case, would any ties unite Him to men or angels or the moral universe ?

As certainly then as we possess the gospel, as God has entrusted the truth to the Church, so certainly must it be His design that its religion should be practically exemplified in all its numberless relations. A satisfactory demonstration of its true nature, of its perfect excellence, can be thus given to the universe, and it can be given in no other manner. This is the manner in which God evinces His own boundless perfections. It is through His infinite efficiency, through His relations to His creatures as the supreme Agent, that He challenges their ceaseless obedience and love ; all His moral attributes as the Scriptures describe them are those of benevolence and beneficence towards His creatures, not an allusion is made to any attribute denoting His incomprehensible relations to Himself alone. Were the gospel then merely a combination of profound or gorgeous hypotheses, or were it not in fact illustrated in the

lives of men, we should be assured that it were not the gift of God but a worthless imposture ; and as the Church does constantly afford this illustration, she becomes the pillar and ground of the truth.

The Church practically illustrates for example, *the holiness which the truth prescribes*. I use this word in the sense of moral excellence or conformity to the divine will, whether we refer to the commencement of the Christian's life, in his acts of repentance and faith, or to his subsequent course of evangelical obedience ; whether we intend the performance of his duties towards God, or his fellow men, or himself. Repentance and faith constitute the first step in the return of sinful man to God, without which such a return is impracticable, and which the truth accordingly imperatively prescribes. Who then actually bow before the mercy seat in filial contrition, and there plead Christ's atoning sacrifice as the appointed channel of God's forgiveness and favor ? Is it the man of the world ? Is it the idolater of wealth, or the haughty noble, the sceptical scholar, the giddy beauty, or the animated drudge who labors and lives only for others ; or is it, universally and exclusively, the individual members of the Church ? Or if we seek for this exhibition of holiness in a life of evangelical obedience, for gratitude to God, for submission to His providential will, for reverence towards His majesty, for heartfelt complacency in His perfections ; if we seek for daily confidence in Christ as a Saviour and for consecration to His service, or for justice and beneficence in their varied forms towards others, or for daily humility and self-government ; we shall find them in the Church and throughout all her members, and they are absolutely undiscoverable elsewhere. Not an act, not a purpose, not an emotion, of holiness was ever known on earth, except within the Church of the living God.

The Church thus illustrates also, *the peace and joyful hope which the truth professedly affords*. The gospel pre-

scribes not a solemn round of heartless duties, it is not a system of Hindoo maceration or Roman Catholic penance, but like the God from whom it emanates it is disinterested love: the blessedness which it promises, is commensurate with the duties which it enjoins. This blessedness commences on earth in an habitual peace and in the hope which anticipates eternity, it will be perfected in heaven in the possession of indescribable joys. Whose then are the breasts that are cheered by this habitual peace—the peace of forgiven sin, of an approving conscience, of benevolent desires towards others: whose path is gilded by “the soul’s calm sunshine,” descending on them from a paternal God and an unchanging Saviour? Who behold the light of heaven piercing through their thickest clouds of sorrow, so that neither poverty nor bereavement, disease nor pain, disappointment nor ignominy, can overwhelm them? Who often live amid the visions of future glory, even now catching the echo of angelic songs and tasting the fruits from the tree of life? Are all these worthless promises, or is their actual fulfilment certain? The Church in her own rich experience can answer these interrogatories, and the Church alone; each of her innumerable members lives upon this peace, and consolation and hope. They are not a day dream, nor a “cunningly devised fable,” but blessed realities, existing and illustrated in the consciousness of every believer.

The Church thus illustrates also, *the power of the truth over the heart*. The gospel professes as the instrument in the hand of the Divine Spirit, to be able to exert and actually to exert an efficiency which is absolutely singular, which acknowledges neither parallel nor resemblance among all the displays of human or created energy. It is an efficiency of which the result is the regeneration of our moral nature and its sanctification throughout subsequent life, or the commencement and progressive augmentation of a new spiritual existence. Were these assumptions false, were they a

mere oriental hyperbole—intentionally denoting nothing more than the influence of the moralist in producing an external reformation of manners, or were there no actual illustration of such an energy—living and moving before us, the whole system of the truth must fall unsupported and abandoned; but the Church in each of her members is such an illustration, and she is thus the pillar and ground of the truth. Each of them has been in fact born again by the word of God, each of them is sanctified through the truth, each of them thus evinces the gospel to be the power of God unto salvation. This change so radical, so momentous, and to such numbers only incredible, is still a matter of constant occurrence, its living subjects offer the testimony of their own consciousness, so that there is no more satisfactory evidence of the existence of a power that causes the ebb and flow of the tide or the circuits of the lunar planet, than of an energy in the truth that thus transforms the heart.

III. *As the Defender of the truth.*

The Author of the truth when He deposited it with the Church, foresaw that it would need such a defender against the bitter, inextinguishable enmity that would assail it. Dark as is the display of human depravity thus afforded, nothing has ever provoked a hatred so intense or been pursued with corresponding efforts for its destruction. The world has quietly endured, nay has cordially welcomed, every false religion and the foulest systems of immorality: ancient and modern polytheism in their myriad forms, the fictions of the Arabian impostor, the idolatrous corruptions of popery, and the dogmas of a brutal or philosophical scepticism, have been successively propagated, and men have gazed unmoved if not approving. But while these exhalations from the pit have enveloped countries and continents and scarce a note of warning has been sounded, the truth has been opposed by embattled armies; the axe, the faggot, and the dungeons of the Inquisition have awaited its adherents; science with

its alleged discoveries, sophistry with its wiles, ridicule and falsehood with their poisoned darts, have been arrayed against it; the world has been its open or secret enemy. Had the truth possessed no defender, its interests would long since have been destroyed; but that Defender under God has ever been the Church, and she has thus proved its pillar and ground.

The Church has defended the truth *against the sophistry and falsehood of its enemies*. This has been one favorite mode of assault from the days of Celsus and Porphyry, from the age of the Gnostics and the Ebionites. The gospel has been alike impugned by the philosophers of Greece and Rome, by the leaders of heresy who succeeded them, by the advocates of the usurpations of the papacy, by the modern courtly infidel, and by the transcendental neologist. Its scheme of faith and morals has been decried, as a mass of inconsistencies and absurdities; its origin has been denied to be inspiration, and has been professedly traced to the recollections of its fallible, or to the fictions of its dishonest, writers; its simplicity and purity have been overlaid and smothered by Romish traditions; its vital, transforming energy has been diluted into sickly sentimentalism or semi-pagan ethics. History, the allegorical legends of Hindostan and China, the astronomical sculptures of Egypt, and the records notched in the everlasting rocks, have been all enlisted in this warfare, so that from the ponderous tome down to the farthing pamphlet an Alexandrian library has been written to falsify the gospel.

But they that were for the truth in this contest have been more than those that were against the truth. The Church has summoned in every age the intellect, the learning, and the piety of her sons to this consecrated warfare; and as this intellect has ever equalled and this learning usually far surpassed those of their antagonists, victory has steadily crowned the armies of the living God. The poetic and

popular mythologies of Athens and Italy have been thus rendered the jest of the school boy, during the last sixteen hundred years ; while the heresies that were refuted by Jerome, Athanasius and their co-adjutors, have been for many ages forgotten in the grave of oblivion, or, if occasionally disinterred, it has been only to reveal, like an Egyptian mummy, their lifelessness and deformity. The lordly pretensions of the bishop of Rome, wherever they have lost the support of the civil government, have been exposed in all their insolence and emptiness from the days of Wickliffe, Luther and Melancthon, so that Romanism has long since despaired of making any conversions but those of ignorance, policy or fear. Nor less decisive, after a briefer contest, has been the defeat of modern infidelity ; its shallow learning and flimsy sophistry have been so often worsted that the sceptic dares no longer avow himself, except as he may be found in the French geometer who rejects revelation because its truth is not demonstrated like a problem of pure mathematics, or in the brutal radical of our large cities who is waiting only for the supremacy of club law, to compel a universal Agrarian division of property. The last of these contests around the outworks of evangelical truth, I intend that which has been waging with German neologism, has scarcely demanded, as essential to the victory, any direct participation on the part of the Church. The defenders of these shapeless and mutually hostile systems of error, are so constantly changing their position and their weapons, that they can secure no vantage ground ; all that seems necessary is, to permit them to leap undisturbed from one bog of unbelief to another and another, and then to disappear in the quicksands that lie beneath.—Nor has the citadel within, where dwells the truth in its spiritual life and power and beauty, been less successfully maintained. In other words, the transforming doctrines and holy precepts of the gospel have been not only incidentally and occasionally explicitly

defended, as has been just described, but they have received their full appropriate exposition and enforcement in every form from innumerable pens; so that none but the propounder of arguments and objections already a thousand times refuted, ventures to affirm that the religion of the Bible ought not to sway equally the intellect and the heart.

The Church has no less effectually defended the truth *against the violence and force of its enemies*. This has been another favorite mode of assault, and far more ancient than the one just considered, as lettered sophistry and falsehood characterize the age of refined civilization only. Since the day when the prophet Elijah complained that he was left alone amid the martyred thousands of Israel; nay since the exodus of the oppressed Hebrews under Moses, the truth and its adherents have been devoted by its foes to utter destruction. Philistia and Idumea once combined to effect this, Assyria fell in her giant legions before the angel of the pestilence while vowing to effect this, the Jewish Pharisee and Sadducee forgot their mutual hate and coalesced against Him who was the truth embodied—to effect this. A dreadful succession of ten imperial persecutions, and then of Saracenic massacres, and then of papal crusades against the Vaudois and the Albigenses and Waldenses, and then of the Autos da fe of the Inquisition, were employed during fifteen centuries, to effect this.

The weapons of the Church while defending the truth in this fiery conflict have been sometimes the literal sword and spear, but usually, and far more appropriately, has she been clad in spiritual panoply. Armed with the breast-plate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, and praying always with all prayer, has she marched forth; and while the rack and the wheel, the axe, the cross and the stake, have on every side been glutted with the blood of her sons, she has still advanced—conquering and to conquer. At one time, the saint-like

patience and meekness of her confessors and martyrs have awed their persecutors into harmlessness, or melted them into friends; at another, the righteous judgments of God have swept away these foes from her onward path—so that sooner or later persecution has been succeeded by triumph, and the truth, seemingly prostrate, has risen the more erect and firm, resting on the Church as its immovable pillar and ground.

IV. *As the Propagator of the truth.*

The truth, in its very genius, is divinely benevolent and diffusive. God has so framed the relations of men and the economy of the moral universe, that duty ever calls us away from self to Him as its supreme object; and happiness, if sought for in any path but that of disinterested good will to others, cannot be found. This is the spirit and precept of both the law and the gospel, this was the life of the incarnate Immanuel. In depositing His truth with the Church, and in constituting her its perpetual defender, God's unchangeable design must have been to render her the instrument of its universal propagation and diffusion. Had no such injunction as this—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," been recorded, the duty would be no less imperative. And had the Church proved recreant to this charge of her glorified Lord, she would ages since have become extinct in all her members, and the truth with its eternal interests would have irrecoverably fallen; as she has on the contrary in some good degree proved faithful, as she is hereafter to diffuse salvation wherever the waves can waft or the compass guide her sons, she is rightly styled the pillar and ground of the truth.

The Church, I say, has already in some degree proved faithful. Without referring to her history antecedent to the crucifixion and ascension of her Master, what instrumentality, it may be asked, did God use to diffuse the gospel, and melt down Jewish bigotry into discipleship, and transform

philosophic and barbarian heathenism into evangelical piety? Whose was the agency, which, co-operating subordinately with that of the Holy Spirit and moulded absolutely at His will, bore the glad light and warmth of salvation throughout the darkness and death of the Roman empire, amid the Scythians of the Euxine, along the whole wide margin of Northern Africa, among the fire worshippers of Persia, and to the western bank of the Indus, until the cross was erected in triumph upon the very throne of the Cæsars? Whose were the dauntlessness and the benevolence that in subsequent ages overthrew the gory altars of the Druids in Britain and of Odin in Scandinavia, that traversed the wilds of Sarmatia and the measureless steppes of Muscovy, until all Europe had, nominally at least, bowed before the shrines of the gospel? And through every succeeding age until the present hour has the truth been propagated by the Church. Whether ostensibly aided by the papacy, or infected with its corruptions, or menaced with its Inquisitorial fires, her sons have sown the immortal seed—at one period amid the vallies of Savoy, at another upon the mountains of Bohemia, at another by the cottages of the Lollards in Britain, until the master spirits of the Reformation spread it broad cast over western Europe, and with their associates thus prepared the way for that living harvest which now waves over the eastern half of North America.

But this is but the dawn of her glorious destiny. The local revivals of religion, which, during the last half century, have so gladdened the hearts and multiplied the numbers of her children, the translation of the Bible into a hundred different languages, the vast circuit of missionary and other evangelical operations—limited not by continents nor oceans but even now prospectively embracing the whole human family, these are but the harbingers of that mightiest of all human achievements which is still reserved for the Church—the propagation of the truth throughout every empire and

province, every city, hamlet and habitation on the globe. The repetition of the wonders of the day of Pentecost within the Sandwich Islands is to be but one amid a hundred fulfillments of the promise, when, through the labors of the Church, a nation shall be born in a day. Her sons are yet to surmount the barrier wall of China, to be welcomed on the shores of Japan, to break "the four-fold chain" of caste throughout Hindostan, and to level with the dust every minaret of Persia and Turkey. Neither the desert of Sahara nor the summits of mount Atlas shall exclude them from meeting in central Africa, as the deliverers of her long oppressed myriads; neither savage ferocity nor oriental bigotry, neither the thunders of the Vatican nor the scimitar and bowstring of Islamism, neither the enmity of the world nor the wiles of the pit, shall frustrate the prayers and alms and labors of the Church—until the diffusion of the gospel shall be co-extensive with that of the sunbeams, and all earth's tribes shall bow before Him who was once dead, and who now lives and reigns forever.

The Church is therefore justly styled, "the pillar and ground of the truth." God has appointed her to be its perpetual depositary, she practically illustrates in the lives of her members its spirit and power, she has been its constant and successful defender, she is to propagate it as the only system of doctrine and duty throughout the world.

With these views of this interesting subject we may properly remark :

That the Church is safe. If the Church is the pillar and ground of the truth, then the interests of the latter are identified with those of the former, the truth must stand or fall with the Church. Independently then of the numberless predictions which announce her hastening universal triumph, nay were the mists of futurity penetrated not by the light of one promise or encouragement, the Church might sit erect and secure; for she is assured that God esteems His own

truth and the gospel which embodies it as so precious, that He will prosper every interest which is inseparable from theirs. Such indeed has not been the conviction of her enemies. They have not only willed her extinction, but have often attempted it, often foretold it ; malice has forged its calumnies, scepticism has woven its sophistries, pleasure arrayed its blandishments, persecution sharpened its axe, and power marshalled its legions, to confound or seduce or destroy her sons. But the day of triumph has ordinarily been short, and then the providence of God has swept her foes successively away—with scarce a monument or vestige left to remind us of their destruction, while the Church has arisen the stronger from her depression and swelled but the loftier song of thanksgiving to her almighty Deliverer.

Her friends then should never fear, nor her enemies exult, for the past is but the omen of the future. Such is even now her energy, so fixed are her foundations, so wide spread is the conviction among half the governments on earth that the truth which she propagates must prevail, that no extensive combination for her overthrow is probably hereafter to be dreaded ; but should the fiercest hurricane of earthly and hellish wrath be yet destined to beat upon her, the Sun of righteousness will speedily scatter the tempest, the gales of peace shall waft her to a secure haven, while the wrecks of her enemies shall be seen floating on every wave. Safe, happy, blessed, is the Church, for she can never be separated from the truth of God.

Our personal relations to the Church determine our character and destiny. As the Church and the truth are inseparable, our relations are identically the same to each ; we cannot be the friends of the latter, if we are hostile or indifferent to the former. This may be reluctantly credited by many whose intelligent, speculative belief of the gospel is often accompanied by an unblamable life, but who also know that they have no fellowship with the Church of the living

God. They would disunite, were it possible, the truth from the Church, so that the laws of discipleship to Christ should be obligatory only upon His professed followers, while the divine favor should be freely bestowed, both here and hereafter, upon others who assume not these obligations. But this dissociation is impracticable, for the truth recognizes in the Church and in her alone its depositary, its defender and the agent of its triumphs. Her members are its living epistles, its uninterrupted succession of witnesses, in whom God, angels and men, behold illustrated the holiness which it enjoins, the foretaste of heaven which it imparts, and its power to renew and to save. Them accordingly the gospel characterizes as new creatures in Christ, as the children of God, as the heirs of all the promises, but it thus characterizes none others.

Are you then, my hearer, one with the Church of God, one with her members in your purposes and sympathies, in your efforts and aims, in your hopes and joys? Is her enlargement in your own neighborhood and throughout this state and country—until her boundaries shall be those only of the wide earth, the subject of your earnest petitions, the object of your liberal contributions, the theme of your fond anticipations? Are the sanctuaries where she worships dearer to you than the halls of legislation, the marts of commerce, the bowers of science, or than even the loved circle of your own family? Are the ordinances in which her children commune received by you as the memorials of her Redeemer's grace, and as the earnest of a more intimate communion with Him above? Then, you need no unearthly vision to assure you that you are now a child of the Highest, and that you shall hereafter shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of your Father.

Or can you not endure these tests, must conscience testify that you possess not one of these evidences of union to the Church? Then, you are not only an alien from the com-

monwealth of Israel, but also a stranger to the covenants of promise ; you have no hope, and are without God in the world.

It is a peculiar duty and privilege to co-operate with such associations as that, whose anniversary we are now commemorating. They are but the auxiliaries and instruments of the Church in the performance of the great work which is to occupy her until the end of time—the propagation of the truth. In this work, the loftiest which ever tasks the energies of men or awakens the sympathies of angels, the Maine Missionary Society has been for thirty two years an uninterupted, and through the blessing of God an honored, co-worker : one hundred and sixty churches throughout the length and breadth of the State, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, gratefully acknowledge it as having been directly instrumental in their organization, or as having strengthened them in the weakness of their “deep poverty.” Its missionaries have annually gone forth, like the seventy whom our Lord commissioned, over the hills and plains and into the wildernesses of this land of promise, and aided by His grace, have gathered many a lost sheep into the house of our spiritual Israel. Often has the wilderness and the solitary place been glad for them, often through them has the desert been made to rejoice and blossom as the rose. The history and the efficiency of this Society are so widely known as to need no emblazoning, I stand not here to pronounce its eulogy, many a heart—present and absent—could do this more effectively, and its record is also on high.

But I do stand here, addressing a great multitude of the professed members, and doubtless of the real members, of “the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth,” and to each of whom the truth is inestimably precious. They are living illustrations of its transforming, sanctifying efficacy ; and a gratitude—whose measure eternity

only can unfold, should daily excite them to live for its universal propagation, until, through their instrumentality and that of the whole Church in present and coming years, "the creature shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." To them, and to the philanthropist and patriot, to the friends of public peace and private prosperity, the Maine Missionary Society has now once more made its Report, once more solicits their cordial co-operation.

REPORT

OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AT THEIR
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, IN BRUNSWICK, JUNE 26, 1839.

Division of labor is necessary to facilitate the accomplishment of every great design. This is especially true, in the fulfilment of the last command given to his disciples by our Saviour, while on earth, to "PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE." This could not be done by one man or by one body of men, the 12 and the 70 and their associates. They could not be every where in the earth. Nor by one generation of men. It is a protracted work, and they "continue not by reason of death." And yet the command is binding upon all the Churches, and at all times. They cannot be relieved from the responsibility, till the work is accomplished. Wherever situated, and in whatever age of the world they live; whether planted in the dark parts of the earth, where the population around them is "wholly given to idolatry," or have "lines fallen to them in pleasant places;" whether living in a period nearer to, or more remote from the consummation of the design, in the coming millennium, their time and talents, their wealth and influence, all that they are, and all that they have, are imperiously called into requisition, to spread the savor of Christ's name, and establish his dominion, in all parts of the earth. It is now more than 18 centuries since the command was given, and yet the greater portion of the world is still under the dominion of the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience. There must be more vigorous effort, more combined and persevering exertion, more self denying labors and more expansive benevolence, as also more effectual and fervent prayers offered up, by those who are "workers together with God," to usher in the light of that day, when the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdom, under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High.

Every portion of the Church, however, has its appropriate sphere of action; though the efforts of all tend to the same general issue. We may be called upon to aid, as God has given ability, in all the benevolent operations of the day; to plant the standard of Christ in the remote parts of the world and in the islands of the sea, and arrest the progress of error and vice of every shape and form, in foreign lands. But it is especially incumbent on us, to dissipate the darkness that hovers around us, to remove evils that meet the eye and press upon us on every side, to look to the feeble churches within our own limits and strengthen the things that remain, and build up the extended wastes; so that no one may have occasion to adopt the language of regret; "Mine own vineyard have I not kept."

There is a broad field within our own State, the necessity for the cultivation of which originated this Society, and for the accomplishment of which object, its labors for almost a third of a century have been uniformly and successfully devoted.—Every year has witnessed some advancement in the cause. We are to day brought to our 32d anniversary; and the Trustees would submit to the members of the Society, and to its friends and patrons, their Report of the proceedings of the year now closing; embracing a list of the missionaries employed, their respective places of labor, with the various results; the state of

the treasury, and a survey of the field that calls for continued and increasing operations.

Alphabetical list of Missionaries.

Mr. Charles E. Abbott, Farmington Falls and vicinity, Kennebec Co. 1 month.

Rev. George W. Adams, Brooksville, Hancock Co. 1 3-4 months.

Rev. John Baker, Monson and Blanchard, Somerset Co. 3 1-4 months.

Mr. Baker was dismissed from Monson, during the last month, and is now laboring in Kennebunkport.

Rev. George Brown, Waldo Co. 3 months.

Mr. Calvin Butler, Buckfield, Oxford Co. 1 month.

Rev. Isaac Carleton, Lubec, Washington Co. 3 months.

Mr. Carleton closed his labors at Lubec, in March last, and has since been installed to the pastoral care of the Church in Oxford.

Rev. James Carruthers, 12 months.

Mr. Carruthers was employed in different parts of the State, chiefly in Lincoln and Kennebec Counties. Under his ministrations, in the North Parish in Augusta, there was a revival of religion, and a number of hopeful converts are reported. He also states, in a communication from Biddeford, under date of 13th instant; "I came here on the 1st of May; and for these three weeks past, the Lord has been pouring out his Spirit. Nine give good evidence of a change of heart."

Rev. Ariel P. Chute, Oxford, Oxford Co. 1 1-2 months.

Mr. Chute, has been dismissed from his pastoral care of the Church in Oxford, during the year.

Rev. William Davenport, Perry, Washington Co. 3 months.

This Church has been aided hitherto, from its organization; but "will endeavor with the blessing of God henceforward to sustain its own ordinances of worship."

Rev. Timothy Davis, Litchfield, Kennebec Co. 3 months.

Rev. Nathan Douglass, St. Albans and Palmyra, Somerset Co. 1 1-2 months.

Rev. Samuel S. Drake, Exeter and Dexter, Penobscot Co. 3 months.

Rev. George W. Fargo, Phillips and vicinity, Franklin Co. 3 months.

Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, East Thomaston, Lincoln Co. 3 months.

Mr. Amos Fisk, Knox and Thorndike, Waldo Co. 1 month.

Rev. Ephraim Fobes, Weld and vicinity, Franklin Co. 3 months.

"During the year, 5 have been united to the Church in Weld.— A number hopefully converted have not yet joined with any Church."

Mr. Pearson Follansbee, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co. 1 month.

Rev. Benjamin Follett, Forks of the Kennebec, 1 month.

Rev. David Gerry, Brownfield, Oxford Co. 1 3-4 months.

Mr. Gerry is now supplying in the adjoining towns of Brownfield, Hiram and Denmark; in each, one third of the time. These three Churches, he states in his report, have united to sustain a minister, and arrangements are making for a settlement. The Church and Society in Brownfield, completed their new meeting house, which was dedicated in November last. From that time the congregation gradually increased, and the attention to religion also increased; till it was thought advisable to have a protracted meeting. Accordingly one was commenced, on the 28th of May, all the religious denominations meeting together; and the Lord poured out his Spirit

upon us, in a wonderful manner. Between 25 and 30 are indulging hope, that they have passed from death unto life; and about 25 more are seriously enquiring what they must do to be saved. This work is very still, and appears to be deep and thorough.

The church in Denmark, also, has enjoyed a glorious refreshing from the presence of the Lord. I have admitted 12 into that church; and there are 8 or 10 more, that will unite with them in a few weeks. The dew of divine grace, too, has been shed down, in some measure, upon the people in Hiram; and a few have recently indulged hope in the mercy of God."

Rev. Solomon B. Gilbert, Lyman, York Co. 21-2 months. "Revival, and about 30 hopeful converts."

Rev. James Gooch, Denmark, Oxford Co. 3 months.

Rev. Simeon Hackett, Temple, Franklin Co. 1 3-4 months.

Rev. Israel Hills, Lovell, Oxford Co. 3 months.

The Report of Mr. Hills, under date of 24th May last, states: "God has in rich mercy visited the churches of this Conference, during the past winter and spring. In this gracious visitation Lovell has shared. An unusual interest in the things of religion appeared among the youth, last fall, which continued to increase, until it was manifest that God was in the midst of his people. Several were awakened, and a deep and solemn stillness pervaded our meetings. Between 20 and 30 are indulging hope, and give different degrees of evidence, that they have become the subjects of divine grace; and some are still in an anxious state of mind. The work, it is hoped, is still progressing. None have as yet made public profession of religion.

Rev. George C. Hyde, Readfield, Kennebec Co. 6 months.

Rev. Horatio Ilsley, Cherryfield, Washington Co. 2 1-2 months.

Rev. Henry C. Jewett, Winslow, Kennebec Co. 1 3-4 months.

Rev. William V. Jordan, Dixfield, Oxford Co. 1 3-4 months.

Rev. Ivory Kimball, Limington, York Co. 3 months.

The report of Mr. Kimball shews the goings of God, among the people of his charge.

"The Spirit, he says, has been poured down from on high. The Church has been revived, and sinners have been plucked as brands from the burning. A revival of religion commenced with the first of April, and has continued until the present time. It commenced with successive evening prayer meetings, which issued in a protracted meeting, that was intensely interesting and solemn. There was a coming up to the work of God in the Church, and the result was, great anxiety among sinners, inquiring the way of salvation. Many, we hope, have obeyed the requisition of the gospel; "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ." 18 have united with the church, and about as many more are indulging hope. In this number are included about 20 young men, between the ages of 18 and 35. This church has never received so many to its communion at one time, since its organization, as it did on the first Sabbath of this month; neither has it before ever enjoyed such signal displays of God's grace, in the conversion of sinners. The change has been very great; for which we would thank God, and take courage."

Rev. Levi Loring, Anson and Athens, Somerset Co. 12 months.

Rev. Eaton Mason, Sweden, Oxford Co. 3 months.

In a communication from Sweden, it is stated; "The past year has been a year of revival of religion among us. We hope between 30 and 40 have experienced a change of heart."

Rev. Henry A. Merrill, Biddeford, York Co. 1 3-4 months.

Rev. Josiah G. Merrill, Washington, Lincoln Co. 2 3-4 months.

Mr. Merrill, during his mission, has been installed to the pastoral care of the church in Washington.

Rev. Tobias A. Miller, Kittery, York Co. 3 months.

This church, which had long been destitute and feeble, "has been, the last year, blessed with the resettlement of the ministry."

Rev. Silas McKeen, Belfast, Waldo Co. 3 months.

The following is an extract from Mr. McKeen's report, under date of 19th inst.

"The first Congregational church in Belfast, during the year which now terminates, has, through the great goodness of God, been revived, strengthened and encouraged, by the addition of 35 members, most of whom have but recently obtained hope of an interest in Christ, and girded on the gospel armor. These were chiefly the subjects of that work of grace, which God performed among us, in the spring of the last year. The converts having had time to reflect, and act deliberately, appear to be steadfast in their profession, and persevering in the service of their Lord. Harmony prevails in the church; an increasing love to the house and worship of God is manifest, and the prospect of the firm establishment of orthodox religion here decidedly encouraging. It gives us no little satisfaction to be permitted to inform you, that this church have recently voted not merely to return to your Society fervent thanks for the assistance, which you have, during their weakness and sore trials, so kindly and perseveringly afforded them; but to assure you of their intention to support hereafter the ordinances of religion among them, without missionary assistance. They know not how they may succeed, but are resolved to put their trust in God, and make a united and strenuous effort.

I have no doubt that, if they do it with a right spirit, they will be blessed beyond their expectations; and have the consequent happiness of seeing other feeble churches sharing more largely in your liberalities."

Rev. Joseph R. Munsell, Lincoln and vicinity, Penobscot Co. 6 months.

Mr. Munsell, in a communication under date of 31st of last month, observes: "During the time of my missionary labors, I have visited Burlington, and preached there on the Sabbath. They keep up society meetings; and live in the hopes of a brighter day before them. In September, I went up to, what is called, the Aroostic settlement. It is some way this side of the river of the same name. In this place, the Lord was present by the saving influences of his grace. They numbered 8 or 10 hopeful conversions. The interest on the subject was general; and they came in from all the wilderness round about, to hear the word of life. I visited also Springfield, a town about 20 miles east of Lincoln. This is getting to be a promising field of missionary labor, as well as the Aroostic, and probably before long, Congregational churches will be organized in both these places.

I am now about leaving this extensive field of labor, having accepted an invitation to go to East Brewer. Since I have been in the ministry, I have stood on this outpost of our Zion. I think I have a claim to be relieved. I do not leave, because I am tired of the labor; but it is in part because I cannot endure it. My health is not equal to the work. I hope a suitable man will be selected soon, and sent

here; for there are many hopeful appearances, and religious meetings are full and solemn."

Mr. Munsell has, for several years past, had the pastoral charge of the church at Burlington; and has supplied, as a missionary, in various places in the vicinity. As he has now left that station, there is no missionary from the border line, extending a hundred miles westward; a region embracing an increasing population, which will remain, in a great measure, a moral waste, unless cultivated by the hand of charity. There are now 4 churches, and 2 others about to be organized. At Houlton, where this society has formerly had a missionary, the church is supplied by the Chaplain of the Garrison; the troops and the citizens meeting in the same place of worship. But his labors are necessarily restricted to the place, leaving a vast destitution around. Two or three missionaries, could means be obtained, should be immediately sent to occupy this interesting field, a field already white to the harvest.

Rev. Samuel Ordway, Parsonsfield, York Co. 1 3-4 months.

Mr. Ordway has been ordained to the pastoral care of this church, during the year, under the auspices of this society. "An interesting revival of religion is now in progress."

Rev. Robert Page, Levant, Penobscot Co. 3 months.

Rev. John Perham, Industry and New Portland, Franklin Co. 3 months.

Mr. Perham has been ordained over these two churches, with encouraging prospects of usefulness.

Rev. Clark Perry, Standish, Cumberland Co. 3 months.

Rev. John Sawyer, Corinna, Bradford and Kirkland, Penobscot Co. 1 1-2 months.

Mr. Edwin Seabury, Lincoln and Hancock Counties, 1 1-2 months.

Rev. Jotham Sewall, Harpswell, Cumberland Co. 1 month.

Rev. Daniel Sewall, Chesterville and Fayette, Kennebec Co. 1 3-4 months.

Mr. William S. Sewall, Clinton, Fairfield and Brownville, 3 months.

Rev. Nathan W. Sheldon, Gray, Cumberland Co. 2 1-2 months. Mr. Sheldon has been installed to the pastoral charge of this church.

Rev. Oren Sikes, Mercer, Somerset Co. 3 months.

Rev. Charles Soule, Norway, Oxford Co. 3 months.

"Christians have been very much refreshed and blessed; some backsliders reclaimed, and some who had a trembling hope, been strengthened, and 5 have publicly professed religion; as also some few sinners hopefully converted."

Mr. Joseph W. Smith, Lincoln, Penobscot Co. 1 month.

Rev. Samuel Stone, 2d church York, York Co. 2 3-4 months.

This ancient church, though once large and flourishing, has for many years been few in numbers and feeble in strength. It is now gradually increasing, and renewing its vigor. Mr. Stone, during his mission, has been installed its pastor.

Rev. David Starrett, Readfield, Kennebec Co. 1 month.

Rev. Micah W. Strickland, Mount Desert, Hancock Co. 3 months.

Rev. Hermon Stinson, Pittston and vicinity, Kennebec Co. 1 1-4 months.

Rev. Seth Sweetser, Gardiner, Kennebec Co. 2 months.

During the year, Mr. Sweetser has been dismissed from this church, and has taken the pastoral care of a church in Worcester, Massa-

chusetts. The church in Gardiner has since given a call to Mr. Aaron C. Adams to settle with them, to which he has given an affirmative answer, and his ordination is appointed on the 10th of next month.

Rev. Samuel Talbot, Wilton, Franklin Co. 1 3-4.

Rev. Josiah Tucker, Bingham and Madison, Somerset Co. 3 months.

Rev. George F. Tewksbury, Albany, Oxford Co. 3 months.

This place has been favored with some sprinklings of divine grace. Mr. Tewksbury remarks, in his report under date of 5th inst. "During the year past, there have been 13 added to the church, 12 by profession, and, 1 by letter." He adds also; "In March last we had a protracted meeting; which issued very favorably. We are encouraged to hope there have been 10 or 12 conversions. 5 have been examined for admission into the church, and we expect others will be soon."

Rev. David Turner, New Vineyard, Somerset Co. 1 month.

Rev. Elias Wells, Sebec, Penobscot Co. 1 1-2 months.

Rev. Calvin White, Hebron and West Minot, Cumberland Co. 1 month.

Rev. Luther Wiswall, Jackson and Brooks, Waldo Co. 1 3-4 months.

Amount of missionary labor and general results.

The Trustees have had in the employ of the Society, during the year now closing, 60 missionaries, (13 in advance of the number employed, the year preceding,) the aggregate of whose labors is about 14 years. 39 of these are pastors of feeble churches, whose services have been restricted to the people of their charge, and the remaining 21 have occupied more extended fields of labor. Revivals of religion, though not so numerous as in some past years, have nevertheless been witnessed under the ministrations of the missionaries, in a good number of the churches. These have been chiefly in the western section of the State. He that walks amid the golden candlesticks, and holds the stars in his right hand, has shewn the power of his grace, "the lighting down of his arm." From about 20 places, the reports of the missionaries give notice of special displays of grace, more or less extensive; and the number of hopeful converts is estimated at a little more than 300. Most of these revivals, however, are of so recent date, that few comparatively have as yet joined to the churches.

The Trustees have made provision for the supply of the destitute, in some degree, in every section of the state. Not that all have been supplied; very far from it. But with the means confided to their trust, "they have done what they could." And they have feared, (so multiplied and pressing have been the calls,) that they had gone beyond their means. And for the last quarter of the year, they have not felt themselves justified, in increasing the liabilities of the Society, by making additional appropriations. 6 of the missionaries have been settled, during the year, over feeble churches, under the patronage of this Society.

State of the finances.

During the year, there has been received a legacy of Richard Cobb Esq. late of Boston, of 2500 dollars. This amount liquidated the debt of the Society, contracted at the last anniversary, for the payment of missionaries for previous services. The usual receipts into

the treasury have not varied materially from those of the year preceding, amounting to 5611 62. Though the "pressure" may, in some measure, have been taken off, the remembrance of it is still retained. And indeed in some places of the state it has been felt at no time more than in the year past.

The expenditures of the Society, for the year have been about 6000 dollars. 4000 dollars of this are still due. There is a balance in the treasury, in available funds, of 1591 94 ; leaving about 2500 dollars to be received at this meeting, in order to enable the Trustees to adjust the claims of missionaries, for labors already performed ; and to obey the apostolic precept : "Owe no man any thing." This amount, it is hoped and believed, will be received during these anniversaries, in favor of this Institution.

Field of Labor.

Allusion has already been made to the northeastern section of the State. It presents a vast extent of territory, and is fast filling up with an enterprising population. The means of grace must be gratuitously furnished to them, or they will remain destitute. *Now* is emphatically the time to send them the gospel, before they forget the influence of Christian ordinances they have left, and become reckless in their course. One need not be a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, to be able to divine what aspect of moral character, a people would exhibit, living without Sabbaths and without Christian ordinances ; or what kind of influence they would exert upon each other, and upon the rising generation. It would be evil and only evil continually. And these means of grace must be furnished to them by their brethren more favorably situated, till they have ability and inclination to sustain divine ordinances themselves. The Trustees have before them an application from New Brunswick, adjoining our own territory, pressing as the cry from Macedonia, for help. And though it cannot be responded to, as the operations of the Society are restricted to the State ; yet it goes to shew more fully the importance of religious establishments here, to diffuse a healthful influence on both sides of the border. Or, if nothing more, they might stand as a dyke, to prevent the inundation of our own land by a flood of evil influences from abroad.

But this is not the only destitution in the field of labor. If it were, the call might be easily met. There is something of a similar character in every part of the State.

In Penobscot and Piscataquis counties, there are 25 Churches ; and many other places where Churches might be embodied ; and yet only 6 pastors. There are several stated supplics, and occasional preaching afforded in various places. 16 of these churches will need aid. This Society has furnished aid to the greater portion of the destitute Churches in this region, in the course of the year past ; not to the amount that could have been wished ; but in some measure in accordance with the limited means possessed. As there are constantly breakings-in upon the forest, and new settlements rising up, much more must be done, to give a healthy influence to the operations of religion ; much more aid must be furnished, to cause the means of grace, in any good measure, to keep pace with a rapidly extending population.

In the counties of Somerset and Franklin, there are 23 Churches, with 14 pastors. But within these limits, there are only 6 places,

where the people wholly sustain the ordinances of religion themselves.

In the counties of Kennebec and Oxford there are 38 Churches. 19 of these have pastors, and 10 have stated supplies. 14 of these Churches sustain the ordinances of worship, and the remaining 24 look for aid, if they continue to enjoy the stated means of grace. The late revivals of religion, however, in the county of Oxford, will give some additional strength to their establishments.

In the 6 remaining counties, stretching along 300 miles of sea-coast, being of an earlier date, are better supplied with the means of grace. But even here, there are many feeble churches, that must be aided, if they continue to live and flourish; as also many waste places to be built up, and some of them "desolations of many generations."

It may be thought, perhaps, if the calls are so multiplied, and the regions of destitution so vast, in the length of them, and in the breadth of them, little or nothing can as yet have been done. There have been the operations of many years, and much wealth, and care and labor have been expended; but where are the results? The calls, instead of diminishing, annually increasing. Much has already been done. Not only has aid been afforded to the destitute, in successive years, extending the restraining and salutary influence of the gospel into every section of the State; but two thirds of all the churches, that now enjoy the stated means of grace, (and they are more than 130) have been aided in securing these blessings, by the charities of the Christian public through the instrumentality of this Institution. How different would have been the aspect of this day, on this "holy convocation," had all these churches been left to struggle with their difficulties single handed, and many of them to languish and die!

And still it is true, alas! too true, that much, very much land yet remains to be possessed. The calls for aid will wax louder and still louder, till the work is accomplished. The means this society possesses are all together too limited, to supply these extended wants. Its resources should be doubled. Nothing short of this could, in any adequate measure, meet the exigency. And if the wants were pondered, reflected upon, prayed over, brought home to the conscience and the heart, and their importance realized, it is confidently believed, this would be the case. Many would come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. They would cheerfully respond to that declaration of the Most High; **THE SILVER AND THE GOLD ARE MINE**; and it would be cast into the treasury of the Lord. Then, with the blessing of God, the gospel would be preached in every place, within our borders, with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; and we might hail with gratitude the fulfilment of the declaration of the evangelical prophet; "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

The Trustees, in conclusion, would commend the cause anew, to the friends of the Redeemer, who have hitherto by their charities sustained its operations, and who have not yet become weary in well doing; earnestly entreating the continuance and increase of their alms and prayers and efforts. And especially would they commend it to that God whose cause it is, with devout thanksgivings, that he has hitherto vouchsafed his fostering care, and crowned their labors with success.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. WOODBURY STORER, TREASURER OF THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CR.

To balance in hands of Treasurer, June 25, 1838, per account then settled,	1183 48 1-2	1838 July 18	By this sum paid interest on money loaned by Misses Martin, (for 6 months)	60
" Dividends on Bank Stock, received since last settlement,	36 00	Sept. 1 1839 Jan'y 7	" Paid on Note due Misses Catharine and Penelope Martin and endorsed thereon per receipt,	700 00
" Interest on money loaned, rec'd at different times,	8 15		" Paid this sum for six shares in the Capital Stock of the Casco Bank, in which are vested a Legacy bequeathed the Society by the late Bryce McLellan, of \$300, and amount of a Note given by Jona. Fessenden and Wm. Fitch, of \$200 received; <i>the interest on which sums only can be used.</i>	510 00
" Amount received since last settlement, for annuities, entrances, life memberships, subscriptions, legacies and donations as per items on Treasurer's Book,	8451 57 1-2	9 June 8	" Paid amount of Note given Miss Elizabeth Martin for sum hired of her \$1000, and Interest on the same, \$30.	1030 00
			" Paid Misses Catharine and Penelope Martin balance of Note due them, viz. balance of Principal, \$300, Interest \$16,25,	316 25
		22	" Paid Alfred Merrill's bill of printing Circulars and Certificates of life membership,	6 37 1-2
			" Paid for postage of Circulars, and letters from June 29, 1838, to June 22, 1839, and for distributing Annual Reports,	13 26
		24	" Commissions 2 per ct. on \$3495,73, amount received since last settlement,	169 91
			" Paid sundry orders of Trustees since last settlement,	5339 47
			" Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1533 94 1-2
				<u>\$9679 21</u>

Errors Excepted.

PORTLAND, June 24, 1839.

PORTLAND, June 24, 1839.—We have examined this account and find the same right cast and well vouched, leaving in the hands of Mr. Storer, and applicable to the wants of the Society the current year, the sum of fifteen hundred and thirty three dollars and ninety four and half cents.

W STORER, Treasurer M. M. S.

WM. SWAN,

WM. C. MITCHELL, } AUDITORS.

RECEIPTS.

THE Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following sums from June 25, 1838, to June 24, 1839, viz :

<i>Albany</i> —"A Friend,"	1 00	" Mrs. Tappan to complete	
" Aaron Cummings an 1838	2 00	L. M. of Hannah W.	
" Mrs. Aaron Cummings "	2 00	Tappan	10 00
" Ephraim Flint, "	2 00	" A. Redington, jr. an 1838	2 00
" Aaron Cummings an 1839	2 00	" John Means	do 2 00
" Mrs. Susan Cummings "	2 00	" Levi Page, jr.	do 2 00
all by Rev. A. Cummings.		" Jonas G. Holcomb	do 2 00
<i>Alna</i> —Cont in Rev. E. Merrill's		" Larkin M. Leland	do 2 00
soc.	5 00	" Joseph E. Ladd	do 2 00
" Stephen Coker an 1838	2 00	" Mark Nason	do 2 00
" Mary A. Nelson do	2 00	" John T. Gilpatrick	do 2 00
" Rev. E. Merrill, dona.	2 00	" George Griffin	do 2 00
" Mrs. H. A. Merrill, do	2 00	" J. J. Kilburn	do 2 00
" Children of Rev. E. Merrill	1 00	" Thomas Little	do 2 00
five last sums to const. in		" Miss Hannah Tappan do	2 00
part Benj. H. Merrill L. M.		" Henry Sewall, dona	10 25
" Paul Pearson to complete		" Three other individuals	14 00
his L. M.	10 00	" Ladies Association	50 00
" Juvenile Soc.	1 73	" Church including Month-	
" Miss Laura Stebbens an		ly Concert coll. for 6	
1838,	2 00	months	68 55
<i>Andover</i> —Church contributed at		" T. W. Smith, an 1838,	
Monthly Concert,	2 00	by Rev. Mr. Tappan	2 00
" Ezekiel Merrill	1 00	" Monthly Concert	20 00
" Sam'l Poor and wife,	1 00	<i>Bath</i> —Green Richardson, to	
" Moses Merrill	50	const. his wife Mrs.	
by W. Goodenow.		Hannah T. Richard-	
<i>Albion</i> —Cont in Cong. Soc. by		son, a life member	20 00
Rev. Mr. Wilkins	2 90	same, an 1838	2 00
<i>Alfred</i> —Miss. Soc. Mrs. S. A.		" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Elling-	
Goodenow, Tr. by Rev.		wood's soc. \$50 of	
Mr. Fisk,	16 80	which by Mrs. Rich-	
<i>Anson</i> —Sub of Individuals 97 24		ardson to const Fred.	
cont in ch. & soc. 2 76	100 00	L. Richardson & John	
<i>Athens</i> —Subscriptions of indi-		G. Richardson l. mem-	
viduals	100 00	bers	69 62
<i>Augusta</i> —Wm. A. Brooks to		" Ammi R. Mitchell bal.	
constitute himself L. M.	20 00	to constitute his wife a	
" James L. Child, \$16 00,		life member	10 00
to complete life mem-		" David Sewall an 1838	2 00
bership of Daniel C.		" Eben Arnold do	2 00
Child and \$4, towards		" Benj. Robinson do	2 00
L. M. of Hannah Swan		" Hartley Gove do	2 00
Child,	20 00	" Henry Hyde do	2 00
" Sewing Circle to const		" Wm. Donnell do	2 00
Miss Susan Stanwood		" Richard Nutter do	2 00
a life member	20 00	" Thomas Agry do	2 00

" Daniel Larrabee do	2 00	" Wm. Thurston, an 1838	2 00
" Wm. B. Trufant do	2 00	" E. F. Duren, "	2 00
" John Masters do	2 00	" H. Wilder, dona.	1 00
" Thomas Harwood do	2 00	by hand of E. F. Duren,	
" Tileston Cushing do	2 00	Tr. Penobscot Aux. So.	
" Jona. Hyde do	2 00	" Cont. in Hammond St.	
" Gilbert Trufant do	2 00	church, \$20 of which	
" John Stockbridge do	2 00	sub. of Prof. Shepard to	
" Charles Sewall do	2 00	const. Geo. H. Shepard	
" David C. Magoun do	2 00	a life member and \$20	
" S. G. Stinson do	2 00	from John McDonald to	
" J. F. Trott part of do	1 00	const. himself a L. M.	147 00
" Wm. Richardson do	2 00	" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Pom-	
" T. C. Jackson ent.	1 00	roy's church and soc. by	
" Charles Clapp, jr. in part		Rev. Mr. Pomroy	137 02
to const. himself a L.		" To be added to cont. in	
M. by D. C. Magoun	5 00	first Cong. soc. by Rev.	
" Levi Houghton an 1838	2 00	Mr. Pomroy	5 00
" Gershom Hyde do	2 00	" James Crosby to const.	
" Wm. M. Rogers do	2 00	widow Hannah Crosby	
" John Bovey do	2 00	and Eliashib Adams life	
" Otis Kimball do	2 00	members	50 00
" Warren Houghton do	2 00	" Mrs. Ordway	1 00
" Collection in Rev. Mr.		" " Haskell	25
Palmer's soc. by hand		" Mark Webster	50
of Rev. Ray Palmer	15 50	Bethel—Cont. in Rev. Mr.	
" Female Missionary As-		Frost's soc. by his hand	10 75
sociation 3d ch. and		Biddford—Miss Betsey Hill	50
cong. by Rev. R. Pal-		Belfast—Mrs. Sarah Houston	1 00
mer	25 50	" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Mc-	
" Adam Lemont to const.		Keen's soc.	30 00
himself a life member	20 00	" Samuel Butman	1 00
" Ebenezer Arnold	10 00	" John Gilman an 1838	2 00
" Freeman Clark to const.		" Henry Davidson do	2 00
himself and his wife,		" Bailey Pierce do	2 00
Frances L. Clark, life		" John McKinley do	2 00
members	40 00	" Luther Gannett do	2 00
" Female Cent Soc. Mrs.		Baldwin—Ephraim Flint by	
Ellingwood, Tr.	16 00	Rev. Mr. Gooch	1 00
" Wm. Donnell, to const.		" From Dea. Richardson's	
his wife Mrs. Harriet		family	3 00
Donnell a L. M. by		Bristol—Anonymous "Surplus	
Rev. J. W. Ellingwood	20 00	money" in a letter to	
" Zabdiel Hyde to const.		Rev. A. Cummings	8 00
Wm. Henry Hyde of		" W. Chamberlain an 1838	2 00
Portland a L. M.	20 00	" Cont. at Bristol Mills	11 45
Brookfield, (Ms.)—Miss Persis		" Sewall Pearson's an 1838	2 00
Howe, to const. Mrs.		" James G. Huston's do	2 00
Ann Waterhouse of		" Jos. T. Huston's do	2 00
Portland a L. M.	20 00	" Thomas Woodward do	2 00
Bucksport—Wm. Thurston an		" Tho's Chamberlain do	2 00
1839 by Rev. A. Cum-		by Rev. Mr. Kendrick.	
ings	2 00	Brownville—Cont. in Cong.	
" From Ladies by E. F.		soc.	10 33
Duren, Tr.	11 00	" Female Miss. soc.	2 41
Bangor—To be added to cont.		" Female so. by Mrs. Wm.	
in Rev. Mr. Pomroy's		Lord	62
cong.	3 00	Brunswick—Mrs. Jane Hacker	1 00
" Mrs. Wm. Bruce,	1 00	" Mrs. Nelson	3 00

" C. Eaton	1 00	" Female Miss. soc. Mrs.	
" Mrs. Marsh	1 00	" Huldah Hobbs, Tr.	23 00
" Henry Pennell	1 00	" Jos. Jones, an 1838	2 00
" Ann Jones	50	" Jonah Howe	1 50
" H. Dunning	50	" Juven. soc. Betsey Start	1 00
" E. Harvey	50	<i>Calais</i> —Cont. by Rev. Mr.	
" Dr. Page	2 00	" Crossett	23 41
" John S. Crosby	50	<i>Cape Elizabeth</i> —Mrs. E. H.	
by Rev. Geo. E. Adams.		" Webster by Rev. A.	
" From a Son to const.		" Cummings	5 00
Benjamin Woodman		<i>Cumberland</i> —Female Miss. so.	11 25
of Burlington, (Me.)		" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Wes-	
a life member by Rev.		" ton's soc.	4 50
A. Cummings	20 00	" Nicholas Rideout, jr. an	
" David Dunlap	100 00	" 1838	2 00
" Professor Packard	5 00	" Rev. J. Weston	1 00
" Rev. Wm. Allen	50 00	<i>Dennysville</i> —Cont. by Rev.	
<i>Bridgton</i> —Cont. in Rev. Mr.		" Mr. Crossett	30 59
Page's soc.	11 25	<i>Dresden</i> —Dea. Woodman by	
<i>Bremen</i> —People in Cong. soc.		" Rev. E. Gillett	50
to const. James Carru-		<i>Denmark</i> —Rev. James Gooch	
thers a life member	20 00	" dona	2 00
" People in Cong. soc.	18 00	" Mrs. Mary C. Gooch, ent	1 00
<i>Buxton</i> —Cont. at York Co.		" do do do an 1838	2 00
Conf. at Buxton in June	17 09	" Cont in Rev. Mr. Gooch's	
" Rev. Benj. Rice to const		" soc.	5 00
his son Wm. W. Rice a		<i>Dixfield</i> —Cont. in church by	
life member	20 00	" Rev. Mr. Jordan	9 50
" Asa Brown	1 00	" Mrs. Sarah B. Eustis	5 00
" Josiah Joss	1 00	<i>Dixmont</i> —Mrs. Frederick A.	
" Stephen Adams	1 00	" Butman an 1838	2 00
" James Emery	50	<i>Deer Isle</i> —Female Cent soc.	
" Female Cent soc. Mrs.		" Mrs. H. P. C. Haskell,	
Lucy W. Rice, Tr. to		" Treas.	20 00
const. in part Zenas		<i>East Brewer</i> —Cong. church by	
Paine of Buxton, a life		" E. F. Duren, Tr. &c.	7 79
member by Rev. B. Rice	16 00	<i>Ellsworth</i> —From Rev. Mr.	
" James Emery	5 00	" Tenney's soc. by hand	
" Female cont. to complete		" of Rev. Horatio Isley	10 50
L. M. of Mr. Z. Paine,		" Miss Rebecca Fickey	1 00
by Mrs. Rice	4 00	" Ladies Circle of Industry	15 00
" Josiah Foss	2 00	" Cont. in Cong. soc. by	
<i>Brownfield</i> —Samuel Stickney		" E. F. Duren, Tr. of Pe-	
an 1837 and 1838	4 00	" nobscot Co. Aux'y so.	10 50
<i>Cornish</i> —"From a Friend of		<i>Eliot</i> —Female Benevolent so.	
Missions" by Royal Lin-		" by Rev. Mr. Bacon	10 00
coln	5 00	<i>Eastbrook</i> —Mrs. Charlotte Par-	
<i>Castine</i> —Trinitarian Soc.	20 00	" sons by Rev. A. Cum-	
" Mrs. Samuel Adams to		" mings	3 00
const. Rev. B. B. Beck-		<i>Eastport</i> —Cont. at Monthly	
with a life member	20 00	" Concert and donations,	
<i>Corinna</i> —Mrs. Nutter by E. F.		" Central Cong. soc. by	
Duren, Tr. &c.	50	" hand of G. A. Peabody	30 00
<i>Chesterville</i> —Jos. French an		" Central Cong. so. month-	
1838, by Rev. J. Sewall	2 00	" ly concert by Geo. A.	
" Cont. in Cong. soc.	9 11	" Peabody	25 00
<i>Camden</i> —Cont. in Rev. N.		<i>Foxcroft</i> —Cong. ch. by E. F.	
Chapman's soc.	23 08	" Duren, Tr. &c.	4 71
" A friend in Camden	5 00	<i>Falmouth</i> —Female Miss. soc	

Miss Betsey Merrill, Tr.	10 00	in support of Rev. J. R. Munsell Missionary at—	
“ Second church and soc. to const. Mrs. Lydia Stevens a member for life, by Rev. Joseph Stevens	20 14	Lincoln	150 00
<i>Fairfield</i> —Isaac Somes, dona		<i>Hallowell</i> —Ladics Miss. Ass.	
by Rev. Thomas Adams	3 00	Miss Harriet Page, Tr.	15 00
<i>Farmington</i> —Female Miss. soc.		“ Benj. Page an. 1838	2 00
Mrs. E. F. Rogers, Tr.		“ Miss Harriet Page do	2 00
to const. Mrs. Abigail S. Green, a life member	20 00	“ Miss Julia Ann Page do	2 00
“ Rev. Mr. Rogers to complete L. M. of Isaac R. Adams	10 00	“ Cont. in Female prayer meeting, to const. Mrs. Mary Caroline Thurston a life member	20 00
“ Cont. in Rev. Mr. Rogers’s soc. by Rev. Mr. Rogers	8 84	“ Eben Dole an 1838	2 00
“ Jacob Abbot, \$20 of which to constitute Mrs. Sarah Dummer of Hallowell, a life member	25 00	“ Monthly Concert collections	17 00
<i>Fryeburg</i> —Sewing Circle, Mrs. Anne K. Barrows, Tr. to const. widow Elizabeth Hurd, a life member	20 00	“ A. Alden an 1838	2 00
“ Jos. Colby in part to const. Mrs. Catharine Walker a life member	10 00	“ Wm. Stickney do	2 00
“ Cont. in Rev. Mr. Hurd’s soc.	42 75	“ E. Bond do	2 00
<i>Gorham</i> —Benevolent Society by Rev. T. Pomeroy	18 00	“ Cont. in Cong. soc.	95 00
“ Young Ladies Sewing Circle by same	4 00	“ Mrs. Elizabeth Leach, to complete L. M. of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Shepard	5 00
<i>Gouldsborough</i> —Mrs. Maria Bucknam by Rev. A. Cummings	1 00	“ Wm. Stickney to const. his mother Mrs. Dorothy L. Stickney a life member	20 00
<i>Gardiner</i> —Cont. in Cong. soc.	14 41	“ Mrs. Hannah Doie, to const. herself a life member	20 00
“ Monthly Concert	6 06	“ Mrs. Sophia E. Bond to const. Geo. Shepard, son of R. G. Lincoln a life member	20 00
“ Female Miss. soc. by Rev. S. Sweetser	10 53	“ Rev. E. Gillet, sub. in part to const. his daughter Grace H. Gillet a life member	10 00
<i>Gray</i> —Cont. in Cong. soc. by N. W. Sheldon	5 37	“ James Gow an 1838, by Rev. E. Gillet	2 00
<i>Harrison</i> —Cong. church, by Rev. Mr. Searle,	86	<i>Harpwell</i> —From a friend to Missionary effort, by Rev. Jotham Sewall	1 00
<i>Hampden</i> —Cong. church, by E. F. Duren, Tr. &c.	11 50	“ Jos. Eaton, an 1838	2 00
“ Willard Wheeler by do.	10 00	<i>Industry</i> —Cont. by hand of Rev. I. Rogers	5 50
“ Wm. Babcock by do.	10 00	<i>Kennebunk-Port</i> —First Parish contributed by three Individuals by Rev. Silas Baker	11 00
“ Jacob Curtis, Jr. do.	10 00	<i>Lebanon</i> —John Moody jr. an. 1838	2 00
The three last sums to be appropriated to the Ministerial support of the Rev. Robert Page, Levant Me.		“ Cont. in Rev. Mr. Loring’s soc.	10 00
“ Benjamin Crosby to aid		<i>Limerick</i> —Rev. C. Freeman	4 00
		“ Mrs. C. Freeman	1 00
		“ Samuel Martin	5 00
		“ Wm. Swazey	5 00

" John A. Morrill	4 00	" Rec'd interest on \$300	
" Mrs. Mary Morrill	1 00	bequeathed by late Bryce	
" Eben Adams	1 06	McLellan from Oct. 25,	
" Simeon Barker	1 00	1838, to Jan. 7, 1839	3 65
" Other subscriptions	7 00	" Interest on money loaned	2 50
" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Freeman's soc.	7 62	" To be added to coll. at	
" Rev. C. Freeman	1 00	Cumb. Conf. Chs. Free-	
" Samuel Martin	5 00	port by Rev. W. B. Adams	25
" John A. Morrill	2 00	" Int. on money loaned	2 00
" Eben Adams	1 00	" Somerset Co. Conf.	10 00
" Mrs. S. A. Freeman	1 00	" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Under-	
" Other Sums	7 50	wood's soc	8 50
" Cont. in Cong. Soc.	9 90	" A mariner, dona	5 00
<i>Lerant</i> —Church dona	10 00	" <i>Legacy</i> of Bryce McLellan,	
" Church, to be added to		late of Bloomfield,	
cont.	3 00	deceased, by his Executor,	
<i>Limington</i> —Cont. in Cong. so.	1 50	Brooks Daseomb,	
" Female Retrenchment so.	1 25	<i>the Interest of which</i>	
<i>Litchfield</i> —Thomas Smith an		<i>only to be used</i>	300 00
1838	2 00	" Lincoln Co. Conf. of chs.	19 50
" Isaac Smith do.	2 00	" York Co. Conf. of chs.	14 19
" Zachariah Smith do.	2 00	" York Co. Conf. of chs.	
" Female Cent soc.	6 42	by Rev. Ivory Kimball	20 31
" Cont. by Rev. Timothy		" Dividend on 15 shares in	
Davis	3 58	Caseo Bank	15 00
<i>Lubec</i> —Rev. Isaac Carlton to		" Dividend on 7 shares in	
const himself a L. M.	20 00	Manufacturers' and Traders	
" Cont. in Rev. I. Carlton's		Bank	21 00
soc. by hand of Rev.		" Cumb. Conf. of chs. cont	
Mr. Carlton,	7 10	at Minot, by Charles G.	
<i>Madison</i> —Subscriptions of In-		Downes	49 65
dividuals	53 09	" Oxford Conf. chs. by	
" Cont. in Cong. soc	3 50	Wm. Goodnow	47 50
" Benj. Weston, an 1838	2 00	" Legacy from Executors	
<i>Minot</i> —David Green an. 1339		of late Richard Cobb of	
by Rev. A. Cummings	2 00	Boston	2500 00
" Female Aux'y soc.	7 50	<i>Machias</i> —Female Miss'y soc.	20 75
" Collection in Rev. Mr.		" Rev. S. D. Ward by Rev.	
Jones's soc. by Rev. E-		A. Cummings	3 00
lijah Jones	13 00	<i>Mount Desert</i> —Ladies in Rev.	
" Daniel Freeman an 1838	2 00	M. W. Strickland's soc.	
" J. Allen do	2 00	by his hand	12 00
" S. Pool do	2 00	<i>Milo</i> —Mrs. Priscilla Lee, by	
" A. Packard do	2 00	Rev. Dr. Pond	2 00
" Mrs. E. Jones do	2 00	" do.	2 00
" D. Freeman do	2 00	<i>Monmouth</i> —N. Pierce, by Rev.	
" Wm. Ladd	15 00	Mr. Thurston	2 00
<i>Miscellaneous</i> —In part to const		<i>North Bridgton</i> —Cong. ch. by	
an individual a life mem-		Rev. Mr. Searle	4 83
ber from W.	5 00	" Rev. Jos. Searle	4 00
" From another individual		" Mrs. Searle	3 00
by hand of Rev. Mr.		<i>North Augusta</i> —Cont.	2 62
Searle	75	" Female Miss'y soc. by	
" Cumberland Conf. chs.		Rev. E. Gillett	6 19
coll'd at meeting in		<i>Newfield</i> —Cont. in Cong. ch.	
Freeport	54 37	and soc. by Rev. Mr.	

North	Smith in part to const.		member	14 17
	Tin'y Symmes a L. M.	8 00	" Second Parish, Female	
North	Yarmouth—2d parish,		Domestic Miss'y Soc.	
	Domestic Female Miss.		Mrs. Hobart, Tr.	16 55
"	soc. Mrs. Caleb Ho-		" Cont. in 2d Parish by	
	bart, Tr.	18 54	Rev. Mr. Hobart,	7 17
"	Cont. in Rev. Mr. Ho-		" First Parish Female Cent	
	bart's soc	8 81	soc. Mrs. Shepley, Tr.	
"	Wm. Sweetsir an 1838	2 00	by hand of Rev. Mr.	
	First Church and Society.		Shepley	37 63
"	Sylvanus Blanchard, in		New-Castle—Cont. in Rev. Mr.	
	part to const. Mrs. Han-		Sewall's soc.	46 81
"	nah Prince a L. M.	10 00	" Washington Dodge an	
	Jacob G. Loring in part		1838	3 00
"	to const. his wife Mrs.		" Rev. Mr. Sewall bal. of	
	Desiah Loring a L. M.	10 00	sub.	1 00
"	Wm. Chandler	2 00	Norway—Ladies in Cong. soc.	
	Wm. R. Hunter	50	to const. Rev. Charles	
"	Friend	50	Soule and wife life mem-	
	Jeremiah Mitchell	5 00	bers	40 00
"	Tristram G. Cleaves	1 00	" Avails of a gold necklace	
	Daniel Mitchell	2 00	by Wm. E. Goodenow	3 65
"	T. G. Mitchell	1 00	New Gloucester—Sewing Cir-	
	Ezekiel Merrill	5 00	cle, Lower Village, to	
"	David Pratt, 2d	1 00	complete life member-	
	Matthias Allen	3 00	ship of Mr. W. B. Has-	
"	Jos. Chandler, jr.	10 00	kell, a Licentiate, by	
	David Seabury to com-		Miss A. C. M. Foxcroft,	
"	plete his life membership	10 00	Treas.	10 00
	Paul Prince, jr.	1 00	Orrington—Rev. Mr. Hulin	
"	Samuel Mason	1 00	sub. by Rev. Mr. Cum-	
	Thomas Chase, jr. in part		mings	1 00
"	to const. his wife Mrs.		Oxford—J. Tewksbury dona	
	Sarah Chase, a L. M.	10 00	by hand of Rev. Asa	
"	Samuel Sweetsir	5 00	Cummings	5 00
	do do an 1838	2 00	" Monthly Concert	5 67
"	Enos Chandler in part		" Cont. in Cong. soc. by	
	const. himself a L. M.	10 00	Rev. Mr. Chute	6 33
"	Reuben Chandler	1 00	Otisfield—Individuals in Rev.	
	Donation	1 75	J. P. Richardson's soc.	
"	R. L. Storer	50	to complete life member-	
	Thomas J. Brown	1 00	ship of Elias Hancock	13 00
"	Jere. Mitchell, 2d	1 00	" Silas Blake an. 1838	2 00
	Allen H. Weld	1 00	" To be added to cont. in	
"	Eleazer Burbank	2 00	Cong. soc.	1 00
	Jacob Mitchell	2 00	Old Town—Mrs. N. Bates by	
"	Fred. A. Pomroy	3 00	Rev. Mr. Lovejoy	1 00
	Rev. David Shepley	5 00	" Rev. Mr. Lovejoy an '38	2 00
"	John Cutter, jr.	3 00	Orono—(Stillwater) cont. in	
	John Cutter	10 00	Rev. Mr. Parker's soc.	
"	do an 1838	2 00	by his hand	16 80
	Cont. in church and soc.	27 89	Orland—Mrs. Sarah T. Buck	
"	Newell Soc. by Rev. Mr.		an. 1837 and 1838 by	
	Shepley	26 00	Rev. D. Thurston	4 00
"	First Parish, from Juve-		Pittston—Female Sewing Cir-	
	nile Soc. in part to const		cle by Miss Cutts	10 00
	Miss Anna Baker a life		Poland—Cont. in Rev. Mr.	

Williams's soc.	3 20	" Amelia Cutter by Rev. A	
" Eliza S. Williams half of		Cummings	50
her share of Surplus		" Artemas Carter	5 00
Money by hand of Rev		" N. Cram an 1838	2 00
Thos. Williams	1 00	" Ezekiel Day do	2 00
<i>Phippsburg</i> —From individuals		" John Chute do	2 00
by Rev. J. Boynton	3 00	" Jos. M. Gerrish do	2 00
" Mark L. Hill an. 1838	2 00	" Oliver Everett an 1837	
" Cont. in Cong. soc.	16 50	and 1838	4 00
<i>Perry</i> —Monthly Concert	8 51	" Thomas Forsaith an 1837	2 00
" Donations	2 00	" E. C. Stevens an 1838	2 00
<i>Palmyra</i> —Cont. in Cong. ch.		" C. G. Downes do	2 00
and soc. by Rev. Mr.		" Edward Oxnard an 1836,	
Douglass	2 12	'37, & '38	6 00
" Nath. Tenney an 1838	2 00	" Female Cent soc. in 3d	
<i>Passadunk</i> —Mrs. Ann Law-		Cong. Soc. by Mrs. Chs.	
ton	2 00	M. Davis, Tr.	9 04
<i>Prospect</i> —Female Miss. Asso.		" Nathaniel Blake an 1837	
Mrs. Sarah B. Leach,		& '38	4 00
Treas.	33 75	" Wm. Lord an 1838	2 00
" Subscriptions in Rev. Mr.		" Curtis Meservey do	2
Thurston's soc. by Rev.		" Miss Penelope Martin don	3
Mr. Thurston	66 25	" Miss Eliza Martin	5
<i>Phillips</i> —Cont. in Cong. soc.	3 74	" James Todd an 1837 &	
" Female Miss. Soc. Mrs.		1838	4
S. C. Fargo, Treas.	2 00	" James M. Dodge dona	5
<i>Portland</i> —Asa H. Cutter	3 00	" Paul E. Merrill an 1838	2
" J. B. Osgood an 1839	2 00	" Jeremiah Stevens do	2
" Mrs. J. B. Osgood an '39	2 00	" Gabriel Mark	1 06
" Mrs. Martha F. Trask by		" "From a Friend,"	10
Wm. Swan	100 00	" Wm. C. Mitchell an 1839	2
" Henry Jackson an 1839	2 00	" Female Miss. Sewing Cir-	
" E. Steele an 1838 & '39	4 00	cle Miss Caroline E.	
" E. C. Stevens an do	2 00	Merrill, Treas. to const.	
" C. G. Downes an do	2 00	Rev. J. B. Condit, 3d	
" John Chute an do	2 00	time, Mrs. Condit 2d	
" N. Cross an do	2 00	time and Mrs. Wood-	
" Edward Howe an do	2 00	hall life members	100
" James Todd an do	2 00	" Cont. in 2d Parish by E.	
" Oliver Everett an do	2 00	Wyer	85 14
" Jos. Adams an 1838		" H. Southgate an 1837	
and 1839	4 00	1838 and '39	6
" Alfred Merrill dona	2 50	" Ladies Sewing Circle in	
" To be added to coll. in		3d Cong. Soc. Miss Deb-	
3d Cong. soc. (T. B.)	2 50	orah Gordon, Treas. to	
" Female Miss'y Soc. Mrs.		const. Mrs. Sam'l Clark,	
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to constitute Rev. Jona.		Thomas Stevens, Miss	
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life members	68 25	M. Delano life members	100
" Missionary Sewing Circle		" Cont. in 3d Cong. Soc.	
Miss Eliza Merrill, Sec.		by John Chute	70 54
pro tem. to be applied to		" Miss A. D. Hall to be ad-	
benefit the Cong. ch. in		ded to cont.	1
Albany, Oxford Co.	93 02	" To be added to coll. by	
" Sam'l C. Shapleigh bal.		J. Libbey	3 50
of sub.	2 50	" \$10 of which sums is in	

part to const Edward Gould a L. M.		" Jona. King an 1839	2
" High St. soc subs. and conts. by J. B. Gardner 143 11		" Benevolent Soc. of first parish by S. L. Goodale 55	
" Female Miss. So. Mrs. E. Greeley, Tr.	61 81	Scarboro'—Mrs. Seth Storer an 1838	2
Robbinston—From subscribers by hand of J. M. Balkam	5	" do do don	3
Readfield—Mrs. Margaret Page towards her life membership by Dr. Gillett	1	" Cont in Rev. Mr. Jameson's soc	12
" Mrs. Margaret Page in part to const herself L.M.	2	" Cont. in do. by Rev. Mr. Jameson	11 40
Raymond—A Lady by Rev. Thomas Williams	1	" Rev. Mr. Jameson an 1839	2
Sanford—John Frost, 2d	2	Turner—John Turner, dona. by Alfred Merrill	10
St. Albans—"From a young man,"	50	" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Greeley's Soc.	5
" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Douglass's soc	2 31	" Luther Cary an 1838 by Rev. Mr. Greeley	2
Standish—Cont. in Cong. soc Rev. Mr. Perry, Pastor	5	" Cong. ch. cont. by W. Goodenow	7
" Rev. Mr. Perry an 1838	2	Topsham—Cont. in Cong. So.	24 64
Sumner—Increase Robinson	10	Temple—Female Aux'y Miss. Soc. Mrs. Eliza Seales, Tr. in part to const. Joseph H. Conant a L. M.	4 46
" Individuals	2 25	Thomaston—Mrs. Daniel Vaughan dona by Rev. A. Cummings	1
Strong—Female Miss. soc Mrs. May, Treas.	10 50	" Female Miss. Soc. Mrs. H. L. Prince, Tr.	18
" Cont in Rev. Mr. May's so	6 64	" J. S. Abbot to const. Jacob Abbot of Farmington a L. M.	20
South Paris—Leonard Shurtleff by Alfred Merrill	2	" Hezekiah Prince dona	5
South Berwick—Rev. Andrew Rankin sub	5	" J. H. Rivers	5
Saco—S. L. Goodale to const his wife, Mrs. P. A. Goodale, a L. M. by Rev. A. Cummings	20	" David Kellogg	5
" Benevolent soc of first ch and parish to const Joseph M. Hayes, James S. Rumery and James Sawyer life members	63 65	" William Cole	2
" Cont. after annual Sermon \$20 of which was from Miss Maria P. Griffith of Portland to const Rev. J. B. Condit of Portland a L. M.	141 17	" Geo. Robinson	3
" to be added to cont Miss H. ———	06	" J. Elliot, jr.	2
" From Mrs. Lord of Kennebunk port to be added to cont	10	" J. M. Gates	1
" To be added to cont after sermon	15	" John Holmes	5
" Avails of a gold ring to be added to cont after sermon	10	" R. Woodhull	2
		" Female Miss. Soc. Mrs. H. Prince, Tr.	4 18
		" Cont. in Cong. Soc.	6 82
		East Thomaston—Cont. in Rev. Mr. Fessenden's Soc.	7
		" A Gentleman by Rev. Mr. Fessenden	1
		Unity—Cont. in Cong. soc	2 74
		Vassalboro'—Otis Hawes	1 25
		" Soc church cont. by Rev. Seth Hardy	2 32
		Walpole—Cont. by Rev. Mr. Kendrick	4 55
		Winslow—Cont. in Cong. soc.	4 75
		" Fred. Paine an 1838	2

" "A Friend" in part to const Miss Emily Bridge a L. M. by Rev. Mr. Jewett	10	per mail, dated Jan. 31, 1839, containing the following: "Fifteen Dollars for the Maine Missionary Society, from West Thomaston,"	15
" From a friend to complete life membership of Miss Emily Bridge	10	Washington—From people by Rev. Mr. Carruthers	15
" Frederick Paine an 1839	2	" People in Cong. Soc.	18
" Cont. in part by F. Paine	2	" Avails of a watch by Rev. J. Carruthers	12
Winthrop—Stephen Sewall to const Mrs. Mary Garland wife of Rev. Edmund Garland of Ohio a L. M. by hand of Rev. N. Douglass	20	Warren—Cont. in Rev. E. F. Cutter's Soc. to constitute James Starret a life member	22 10
" Daniel Carr an 1838	2	" Benevolent Soc.	3 90
" B. Southworth by Rev. D. Thurston	4	" Donation	3
" Contribution	12	" Jesse Page an 1838	2
" Female Soc. for For. and Dom. Miss. Mrs. E. Newman, Tr. by Rev. D. Thurston	17	" James Starrett an 1838	2
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" Charles Russel	50	" Mrs. Cutter do	2
" J. Foster by Rev. E. Fobes	25	" Benevolent Soc to const Rev. Philander O. Powers and wife of Broosa in Asia life members	45
Waterford—Mrs. Mary Warren to complete her lifemembership	15	" Rev. E. F. Cutter sub	5
" Avails of a gold necklace left by the wife of William Warren by Rev. J. A. Douglass	3 50	Wilton—John Barker an 1838	2
" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Douglass Soc.	20 05	" Elisha Bass "	2
" Henry Sawin and wife by Rev. A. Cummings	3	" Female Missionary Society in part to const John Perham a L. M.	7
West Thomaston—From an unknown hand in a letter		Windham—Rev. J. W. Shepard's subscription	2
		" Cont. in do. by hand of Rev. Mr. Shepard	4 35
		" Cont. in Rev. Mr. Shepard's so	9 35
		Wells—Joseph Gilman an 1838 by Rev. Mr. Oliphant	2
		Windsor—Cong. ch. by Rev. J. Carruthers	5
		Waterville—Rev. Tho's Adams	2

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